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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant brings the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the above-captioned application.

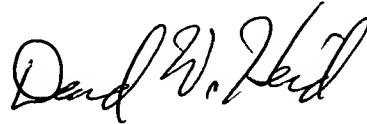
1. USP 4,793,895 issued 12/27/88 to Kaanta et al.
2. USP 5,157,877 issued 10/27/92 to Hashimoto
3. USP 5,240,552 issued 08/31/93 to Yu et al.
4. USP 5,337,015 issued 08/09/94 to Lustig et al.
5. USP 5,492,594 issued 02/20/96 to Burke et al.
6. USP 5,433,651 issued 07/18/95 to Lustig et al.
7. USP 5,125,740 issued 06/30/92 to Sato et al.
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10. USP 4,018,638 issued 04/19/77 to Singer et al.

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

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